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SUBJ: VISIT TO PAKISTAN OF NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER KRISHNA RAJ ARYAL VISITED PAKISTAN JANUARY 6-12 ON WHAT WAS PRIMARILY A GOODWILL MISSION. ARYAL MET IN RAWALPINDI WITH PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO, WHOM HE INVITED TO VISIT NEPAL, AND MADE THE CUSTOMARY ROUND OF PAKISTANI SIGHTS BEFORE GOING ON FROM KARACHI TO THE PERSIAN GULF. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT WAS MODERATE.

2. CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE VISIT APPEAR LIMITED. THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO EXCHANGE COMMERCIAL DELEGATIONS TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDED TRADE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR AN AIRLINK BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, BUT MADE NO FIRM DECISION ABOUT THIS. (WE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHEN WE SEE OUR MAIN SOURCE AT MFA EARLY NEXT WEEK.)

3. AS NOW HAPPENS WHENEVER A FOREIGN VISITOR COMES TO TOWN,
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THE PAKS PUSHED WITH ARYAL THEIR THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT PROPOSAL. UNDER A HEADLINE "NEPAL SUPPORT BHUTTO'S CALL," THE PRESS QUOTED INFORMED SOURCES AS DISCLOSING THAT ARYAL CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL AN ECONOMICALLY AND SOUND IDEA. THE SOURCES ADDED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE A DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE NEPALESE THAT THE SUMMIT PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PURSUED IN A WAY THAT NO PROBLEMS ARISE VIS-A-VIS THE NON-ALIGNED

COUNTRIES. THEY NOTED THAT PAKISTAN WAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE ASSURED THAT WHAT IT HAD IN MIND WAS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY GROUPING.

4. A NEPALESE EMBOFF TELLS US THAT NEPAL'S SUPPORT FOR THE SUMMIT IS NEITHER OFFICIAL NOR AS STRONG AS THE PAK PRESS REPORTS SUGGEST. HE SAID THAT ONLY KING BIRENDRA HAD THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE NEPAL'S PARTICIPATION AND THAT THE NEPALESE DELEGATION HAD VERY STRONGLY TOLD PAKS THAT ANY SUPPORT NEPAL GAVE TO THE SUMMIT WOULD DEPEND ON THE PROPOSAL WINNING THE SUPPORT OF ALL THIRD WORLD NATIONS.

5. THE NEPALESE OFFICER ALSO STATED THAT ARYAL'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN IS ONLY ONE LEG OF A LARGER PROGRAM NEPAL HAS INSTITUTED OF REACHING OUT TO OTHER NATIONS "TO MAKE FRIENDS." HE CLAIMED THIS REFLECTS NEPAL'S CURRENT ATTEMPT TO BECOME LESS DEPENDENT ON INDIA IN ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS. BYROADE

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